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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

4. (Amended) A security aware apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the electronic receiver means has an address on a connectionless network to which messages are transmitted by an associated remote control centre.

5. (Amended) A security aware apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the apparatus has an associated mailbox address from which electronic mail messages are periodically down loaded.